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Serial Nos. 1–7

Major **Part B.** for June 1901

SUBJECT.

Re Reservation of the Resident on the escape of Prisoners from the Bangalore Central Jail during January 1901

From the F. & S. R. D. No. 8515/997 I. No. 7110 of 13.2.01

States that the Resident has heard that during the month of January 01 no less than 8 escapes from the Bangalore Central Jail occurred & requests the matter to the attention of the Jail authorities

2 To, the G. of Mysore. No. 10675/11155 of 16.2.01

Forwards copy of the above & states what action has been taken for their re-capture & what precautionary measures have been adopted to prevent such escapes in future.

G. R. S. 58

From, the D of Poms. D No 9701/1028 & No 560/D of 28.2.01

Forwards copy of No 8857 of 20.2.01 from the Sespdt Central Jail stating 4 convicts have been re-captured, sentenced & the other one is still at large, & that the matter is still under enquiry & the result awaited.

4 To, the D. of Police No 11917/1258 of 9.3.01

Forwards an extract of para 2 of the Sespdts No 8857 of 20.2.01 & to report as to action taken in regard to the escape therein referred to.

5 From, the D of Police D. No 1125/1172 & No 3394/378 of 1.4.01

Explains the circumstances under which the convict Somaya escaped while he was employed in the Compound of the Dewan's residence & States the Constable at fault has been degraded

6. To, the D. of Pons by Police the Dt Collector No 15882-91 of 27.5.01/1585

Directs that all escapes of convicts from the jails be reported to Govt forthwith, and that similar escapes from lockups be reported at the end of every quarter

7 To, the H. C. A. R No 17128/1702 of 22.6.01

Forwards copy of the above re the re-capture of four out of the five prisoners escaped from the Central Jail.

Indexed
N. B. Subramanian

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Letter no 711 of 13/2/07
from the 1st Asst
the Resident, & Commis-
sioner arising from
it

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on this office docket of 16/2/07
to the Jt Sy of Prisons
the Sec'y has made
a note enquiring whether
there is any standing
order requiring the
Jt Sy of Prisons to report
every escape from
Jail &c &c not. that
such an order should be
passed
What has the Mra
to say in the matter?
If there is no such standing

There is no standing order on the subject- This was personally explained to Mr Ramamurthy by me 23/4. when the bill was sent to him.

order [illegible] a Recpt order should
be put up

(2) As regards the
present case, it
is suggested to
pass an order recounting
the facts & noting the
precautions adopted
& to send a copy of
this order & the Bank
the Resident for information

(3) In both the cases
(escapes from Sayan
Lockup & from the
Central Jail) it
was on the initiative
of the Resident
that enquiries
were made. His
& prevent this & to

^ the Dunbar being
taken by surprise,
as it were

ensure that the
Govt may be kept
informed of all escapes
as they take place
that a general order may
be passed.

15/4/07

Drafts submitted.

Mill
15/4

2 Drafts sent to Secy

The correspondence in
this case arose on
Resident's letter 5/13/2/07
bringing to the notice
the Dumbar the escapes
of 5 prisoners from the
central jail. Matter was
Memo: A reply to the
Resident is perhaps not necessary
but one to put up and another
Proc P.H.O. 16/4

(2) I delayed the submn
of these drafts as I
wanted to ascertain
if the rules given in
the 1st part of the Jail
Manual (P1-147) ---
applied only to the Jails
of Bangalore, Shimoga
& Mysore & if these
rules had been
sanctioned by any
Govt proc. The office
has not yet been able
to give me this
info & I do not
want to delay the
disposal of these
papers any longer

I am not sure whether it

Mg 1/5/01.

Submitted to the 2nd
Commissioner

9/5/1901

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
8915
14-2-01 1901

Pol 1300.

From The F. A. Resident in Mysore.

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P.L.J

FILE NO. 109-1300

To

1 — THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GEN. & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 13th Feby: 1901

Despatched

Received

General No. 711
No.

Enclosure No.

stating that the Resident has heard that during the month of January 1901 no less ~~than~~ than 5 escapes from the Bangalore Central jail occurred, and Commending the matter to the attention of the Durbar.

CC-15.

References to be marked.

Sd/-

M. Venkatarangaiya

Rec'd 13/2/01
Dy Resident

No. 711

(1)

FROM

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE.

To

The Officiating Dewan of Mysore

Dated Bangalore, 13th February 1901.

SIR,

I am directed to say that the Hoible the Resident has heard that during the month of January 1901 no less than 5 escapes from the Bangalore Central Jail occurred. I am to commend the matter to the attention of the Durbar.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Dobbs

1st Assistant Resident

RK.

Subject Escape of
app. AK 15/2/01

JN Pdg

FILE No 103-1900

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(2)

To

The I. G. of Prisons.

No 10675 / J 1155 Encl: 1

Date: 16th February 1901

Has the honor to for-
-ward a copy of letter No 711
dated the 13th Instant from
the 1st Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore bringing
to notice that no less than
5 persons escaped from the
Bangalore Central jail in the
month of January 1901 and
to enquire whether it is a
case such as the
fact and if so, how the es-
-capes took place & what actin
has

referring to a report
which has reached
the Hon'ble the Resr.

has been taken for their re-
capture and what precautionary
measures have
been adopted to
prevent such
escapes in future.
The favour of an early reply is
requested -

By order

15/2/01.

Secretary

Note for the Office

Upon this arrival.
By the time the Sergt comes
find out whether there is
or not a standing order
that a report shall
such Escapes shall
be made to Govt - If
there is none, there
ought to be one and
must now do so -
You will then ascertain
& clearly the Number
relating to each Escape
from some Locality
in the Chicago District.
Keep it & remember
right - which book
Make a couple of
Memos and show

Which Govt Notified Home
Authorities regarding
Escapes

Chief Clerk
& Chief Secretary
Chief Secretary
15/2/01
16/2/01

Urgent J 1028

9701
2-01 1901.

From

The Inspr. Genl. of Prisons in England.

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Dtd

No. 103-1900

To

No. 3

The Secretary to Government
Genl. & Revl. Deptt.

Dated 28th February 1901.

Despatched 1st March 1901.

Received 2/3/00. 5-15 P.M.

General No. 560
No. J

Enclosure No. ~~6 nil~~.

With reference to his Docket No. 101/75 J. 1145 dated 16th February 1901, forwards copy of the Jail Superintendent's Report No. 857 dt. 20th February 1901, regarding the escape of 5 prisoners from the Central Jail at Bangalore during the month of January 1901.

Jnl
2/3/01
Refs put up
JWB
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From

The Inspector General of Prisons

in Mysore,

Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore

General and Revenue Departments,

Bangalore.

Dated 28th February 1901.
1st March 1901.

No. 560/J. Enc: 1.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your docket No. 10675/J.1155 dated 16th Instant, forwarding copy of the Honorable the Resident's letter No. 711 of the 13th Idem, regarding the 5 escapes from the Central Jail at Bangalore during the month of January 1901, and in reply, to forward herewith copy of the Jail Superintendent's Report No. 857 dated 20th February 1901. It will be observed that, out of the 5 escapes, four Convicts have been successfully re-captured and sentenced under Section 224 Indian Penal Code. The other one, who is still at large, effected his escape from the gang of Prisoners working at the Dewan's Quarters, while in charge of Reserve Police Constables. The matter is still under enquiry with the Bangalore District Police authorities and the result awaited.

2. The Superintendent has, under my instructions, adopted precautionary measures by way of adding another sentry in the Jail Garden, and made certain improvements in the Quarantine Ward as stated in his report, by which it is hoped that recurrence of escapes of like nature, will, most probably be prevented in future.

3. As regards the suggestion made by the Superintendent in the anti-penultimate para of his report, regarding the removal of the Quarantine Ward to one of the barracks in the centre of

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the Jail proper, I see no reason now that Plague has almost abated why the Juvenile Shed should any longer be used as a Quarantine shed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lt.-Colonel., I.M.S.,

Inspector General of Prisons.

No. 857

Bangalore, Central Jail.

20th February 1901.

From

The Superintendent

Central Jail.

To

The Inspector General of Prisons

in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Office docket No. 524/J of the 18th Instant together with its enclosures, and in reply, to submit the following circumstantial report of the five cases of escape, that occurred in this Jail, during the month of January last.

1. It is a fact that five prisoners, on three different occa-sions, escaped from the custody of the Central Jail. The first was from the Jail garden, between the hours of 2 and 3 P.M. on the 2nd Ultimo. Convict No. 2581 Munisami, who was working with several other prisoners, near the huts now in the course of erection, under the charge of Head Warder Mud Hanumah, at a moment when he, was obscured, from the view of the Head Warder, by some intervening huts, left his place on the pretext of answering a call of nature. The ground between this spot and the gate of the upper beat wall, is intersected by several sheds and trees. The prisoner advancing to this gate, from cover to cover, with remarkable cunningness, he watched his opportunity and slipped through the aforesaid gate, at a time when the sentry of the upper beat was some distance from it and his back turned towards it; and then making his way to the West of the Hospital Assistant's quarters, climbed over the Chuttram Wall and effected his escape. Immediate notice was given to the Police, and the convict was recaptured the same night; and was sentenced by the City Magistrate to one year's rigorous imprisonment under Section 224 of

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the Indian Penal Code. The two Warders on duty at the time were punished by fine; and as I considered the upper beat too extensive for the patrol of a single sentry another has been added about midway from which point a good view of the grounds about these sheds can be had, and I feel confident that by the adoption of this measure escapes from the Jail garden will be prevented in future.

2. The responsibility of the 2nd escape which occurred in the grounds of the Dewan's Residence can hardly be fastened on the Central Jail as the prisoner at the time of his escape was in charge of a Reserve Police constable. Prisoner No. 2804 Sannaga sentenced to only four months rigorous imprisonment formed one of the gang that was sent to work in the Dewan's Residence in the charge of Reserve Police Constables on the 15th January 1901. I have written to the Superintendent of Police Bangalore District to let me know the result of the enquiry he held into the affair but he has not done so yet. From enquiries made, I infer that a smaller party of prisoners of whom the escaped convict was one went some distance into the compound in charge of one Police man when the whole gang was being collected to return home; and it was observed that this constable was returning with one prisoner less than the number handed over to him. Immediate intimation of the occurrence was given to the local Police, Chitaldroog District whence the prisoner came. This is the only man of the five that still remains at large.

3. The third event of this nature was the one that took place within the Jail itself. On the night of the 31st Ultimo between 10 and Midnight, one convict Sonna and two under-trial prisoners by name Arlappah and Thoyappah effected their escape from the second room of the Quarantine Ward. They first put out the light in the room and then wrenching the glass shutter from the ventilator which is only about 6½ feet above the floor, rendered the interval of space between the two bars in the ventilator sufficiently wide to permit of an average sized man squeezing through. The Warder on sentry on the place between the above hours, noticed

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the light going out, reported it to Head Warder Girmoje when he next came round. The Head Warder directed him to put his own hand lamp opposite the barred door of the said room. The sentry says he did so and if he did, the light would have been sufficient to illuminate the room and reveal all that was going on inside; but the sentry was absolutely ignorant that an escape had taken place. It was only discovered by the relieving Head Warder Dasi when he came with the reliefs to take over charge of the Jail and the guard from midnight to morning. On coming to the Quarantine Ward, he noticed that one room was in darkness and on examining it more closely he saw that the glass shutter was taken off and placed in a corner and that instead of 12 prisoners locked in that evening, only 9 were present. He immediately informed the Chief Jailor and myself. On examination the lock of the door was found to be intact, the glass shutter in the corner and by the marks on the wall, it could be seen that the three men had got out by the ventilator and then climbing on to one of the cross walls that enclose the gallows and mounting on the shoulders of one of their numbers, they reached the top of the wall and pulling up their last comrade, descended on the other side. Immediate notice was given to the local Police and the three men were re-arrested the following night, and being charged before the City Magistrate received 6 months rigorous imprisonment each. Although the building from which the escape occurred is not very secure, this escape could not have happened but for the gross negligence of the Warder on sentry who is being prosecuted under Section 223 of the Indian Penal Code. I have said that the building known now as the Quarantine Ward is not very secure and although situated within the Jail wall in the south West corner is detached from what might be called the Jail proper or the circle containing the barracks, cells, and Hospital and was originally intended for the Juvenile prison, but since the out break of Plague has been used as a Quarantine Ward where all classes of new prisoners are kept for 10 days. The supreme importance of keeping the

infection

infection of Plague outside the Jail justified the selection of this the only available building suitable for that purpose although somewhat insecure. But had the Warder on sentry been alert and doing his duty strictly the insecurity would have been counterbalanced and the escape rendered impracticable. I have removed the glass shutters from all the ventilators and fixed on extra iron bar in place of them so that it is now impossible for a man to get through. Moreover I have raised the main wall and pulled down the cross walls for the present so as to put the top of the main wall out of the reach of any two men, one on top of the other's shoulders. Nevertheless I should feel more easy in mind if new admissions now that the Plague is abating, could be placed in a more secure building. Number 6 Barracks which is now unoccupied or number two shed, either of which would in my opinion answer admirably for the purpose. The present Quarantine Ward may be put to its original use as a Juvenile prison..

The enclosures received with the docket under reference are herewith returned.

I have &c,

(Signed) S.Amir Hasan.

Superintendent

Central Jail.

C O P Y

Lt.-Colonel.,I.M.S.,

Inspector General of Prisons.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE
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To The I. G. of Police
(4) in Mysore

Bg 9th March/01.
No: 11997 Sm:1.
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Letter No. 857 9 26th Febr/01 from the Supdt Central Jail Bangalore to the Insp. Genl of Prisons in Mysore, reporting on the escapes from the Central Jail during the month of January last.

In forwarding an extract of para 2 of the

Labour has two
hon'ble request
the favour of an early
immediate report
as to action taken
in regard to the
case of escape
therein refd. to.

B.V.

8/2/07.

Secy.

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J 1172

11259
4.4.1901.

SECTION D.I.G.

FILE NO. 109-1900

No. 5

From The Inspector General of Police

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GEN. & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 1st April 01

Despatched

Received 6/4/01

General No. 3394

No. 378.

Enclosure No.

Explaining the circumstances under which the convict Sannaya escaped while he was employed with certain others on the compound of the Dewan's residence on 15th Jan 01. and stating the Constable at fault has been disposed

References to be marked.

Refer put up.

8/4/01.

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2-4-01. No. 3394/378.

Office of the Inspector General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore, 30th March 1901.
1st April.

From

The Inspector General of Police

in Mysore

To

The Secretary to Government

General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No 11997/ J. 1253 dated the 9th Instant, I have the honor to state that from the enquiry made into the case it was elicited that this prisoner was employed with some others in the compound of the Dewan's residence near the flower garden, that he was present till 3.30 P.M. on 15th January 1901 but that when the prisoners had struck work in order to return to the Jail and were collected together, the absence of this prisoner was noticed. The Constables in attendance then scoured the garden in various directions and ran up some distance in the direction of the cotton mills without success. The prisoner had been sentenced on 3rd December 1900 to four months rigorous imprisonment by the Treasury Assistant Commissioner and 1st Class Magistrate of Chitaldroog District in a case of House breaking and theft and sent to the Central Jail Bangalore for working out the sentence and being a short term prisoner, his escape is rather strange and inexplicable. The Constable at fault has been degraded for his negligence and every endeavour will be made to recapture the prisoner, though so far he has successfully evaded apprehension.

Sannaga

I have the honor to be ,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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Read:-

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Letter No 560 dated the 28th February 1901, from the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore, stating with reference to an enquiry made in this office No 10675 dated the 16th February 1901, that of the five marginally noted prisoners who escaped from the Central jail, Banga-lore, during the month of January last, the first and the last three were re-captured on the 2nd and 31st January 1901 respectively and were sentenced to further terms of imprisonment, while the second is still at

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at large; and further reporting that precautionary measures have been adopted to prevent such escapes in future.

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to recapture the said prisoner.

Order thereon No. 15882-91/J1585
27.5-01.

Recorded.

2. A report should be made to Govt when the convict who is still at large is recaptured.

3. The Government direct that all escapes of prisoners from jails should be forthwith reported to them similar escapes from lock-ups being reported at the end of every quarter. The following additions to the rules will be made in the Jail Manual:—

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Rules relating to jails, add the following Rule

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After Rule 368 of the same Rules, add,

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Secretary

Print

To The Dy. of Prisons
" " Police
" " District Magistrates

Not issued in Mss.
Press Copy Sent 28-5-01.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

JUDICIAL

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 27th May 1901

No. 15882-91
J. 1585

Directing that all escapes of convicts from the Jails be reported to Government forthwith, and that similar escapes from Lock-ups be reported at the end of every quarter.

SBP—31-5-1901—400

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore, Judicial, dated 27th May 1901.

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H. V. NANJUNDAYYA,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
The District Magistrates.

Exd.—C.V.

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FILE No. ~~109-1920~~

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The First Assistant
to the Resident in Mysore

No. 17128 / 1702 & 22-6-01
Encl: 1

Sir,

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-knowledge the receipt of
your letter No. 711 dated the
13th February last and to for-
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the Honble the Resident a
Copy of the Durbar's Pro-
ceedings No. 1582-9 / J. 585 dated
27-6-01 recording the re-
capture of four out of the five
prisoners

prisoners who escaped from the Central gail, Bangalore, during the month of January last and issuing certain instructions.

I have etc.

Secretary.